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SUMMARY

GAIRY DISPLAYS CONFIDENCE ALUPRESS CONFERENCE. REUTER REPORTS
ANOTHER PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AND CANCELLATION OF HMS
BACCHANTE'S VISIT TO CARRIACOU. AMBASSADOR'S GRENADA SCHEDULE,
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES ACCREDITATION TO GRENADA.
END SUMMARY.

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1. PREMIER GAIRY HELD PRESS CONFERENCE FEB 4 IN WHICH HE

CALLED PRE-INDEPENDENCE TURMOIL "A PASSING CLOUD" AND SAID GRENADA WOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TODAY. GAIRY DISMISSED NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT AS "A BUNCH OF CRAZY YOUNG MEN ALL HOT AND SWEATY" AND WARNED THAT THEY WOULD BE MET BY ARMS IF THEY TRIED TO TAKE GOG BY FORCE. GAIRY SAID "I STILL CLAIM THAT WE HAVE 90 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE AT OUR BACKS."

2. REUTER DISPATCH FROM GRENADA FEB 4 REPORTS ANOTHER MARCH LED BY NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT THROUGH ST GEORGE'S YESTERDAY INVOLVING ABOUT 600 SUPPORTERS WHICH TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT. REUTER ALSO REPORTS ARRIVAL IN ST GEORGE'S OF HMS BACCHANTE AND CANCELLATION OF ITS VISIT CARRYING DIGNITARIES TO CARRIACOU BECAUSE OF PLANS THERE FOR ANTI-GAIRY DEMONSTRATION.

3. AMBASSADOR DEPARTED TODAY FOR GRENADA AT 1400 HOURS BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT. SPE PLANS ATTEND FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE FUNCTIONS IN GRENADA (ACCORDING TO LATEST SCHEDULE RECEIVED FEB 4): FEB 5-1900 HOURS STATE DINNER AT HOLIDAY INN; FEB 6-1230 HOURS LUNCHEON AT HOLIDAY INN, 2200 HOURS RECEPTION FOR SPECIAL GUEST AT HOLIDAY INN, 2340 HOURS BLESSING OF NATIONAL FLAG, 2359 LOWERING OF FLAGS, FEB 7-0001 HOURS RAISING OF NATIONAL FLAG, 0002 HOURS PRIME MINISTER GAIRY'S INDEPENDENCE ADDRESS, ACCOMPANIED BY FIREWORKS (SIC), 1030 HOURS GOVERNOR GENERAL DEGALE SWORE IN AT YORK HOUSE, 1040 HOURS HANDING OVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS AT YORK HOUSE, 1115-1245 HOURS PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION AT MT ROYAL, 1500 HOURS AMBASSADOR DEPARTS GRENADA BY CHARTER PLANE FOR BARBADOS.

4. BARBADOS ADVOCATE NEWS FEB 5 CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE A.H. SMITH HAS BEEN ACCREDITED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO GRENADA, RESIDENT IN BARBADOS, AND THAT HE WILL REPRESENT CANADA AT GRENADA'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. WE HAVE MADE NO RPT NO ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT USG ACCREDITATION OR REPRESENTATION.
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